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Madam:

It is respectfully requested that the representative named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive the initialed Forms SB/08 from the IDS' filed May 14 and May 22, 2009, from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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